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The restoration of Massey Hall has won a national heritage award for what the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals called "reviving the charm" of the hall.

The renovation of Toronto's beloved Massey Hall, which opened in 1894, included restoring and revitalizing the Moorish-styled auditorium, the Art Deco lobby and the Palladian exterior. The job was completed last November.

The annual awards recognized the heritage professional team of Sharon Vattay, Christopher Borgal, Carlos Morell, Eve Guinan, John Wilcox, Jean-Francois Furieri, Eric Stewart, Fiona Graham and Sam Trigila in the category of conservation architecture.

"Historic places are community markers. They are spaces that may hold a variety of meanings to different individuals; but they help us understand where we have come from and who we are as a society," said Christienne Uchiyama, president of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals.

"Heritage conservation is climate action," Uchiyama continued. "The people who adapt and conserve existing buildings are playing a significant role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change."

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Calgary names city bus route

'Crybaby'

Calgary's transit authority is temporarily renaming a city bus route in honour of pop stars Tegan and Sara and their upcoming television series.

The identical twin sisters, who were born and raised in Calgary, returned to the city earlier this year to film "High School." The Amazon Prime series is a look at their teen years in the 1990s, when they attended Crescent Heights High School.

Sara Quin says she and her sister took a lot of public transit growing up in Calgary. Route 19, which runs along 16th Avenue, was the route they took to high school.

They have chosen to name the route "Crybaby" after their 10th studio album, which will be released on Oct. 21. High School will premiere on Amazon Freevee in the United States on Oct. 14 and will be available on Prime Video Canada on Oct. 28.

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Shelton quits 'The Voice'

Blake Shelton, the last of the original panel of judges on "The Voice," will leave the megahit U.S. version of the singing competition show after next season.

"This show has changed my life in every way for the better and it will always feel like home to me," the country music star said in a statement Tuesday night. He said he had been "wrestling with this for a while."

The next season will be the NBC show's 23rd and Shelton's last. When it premiered in 2011, Shelton was joined in the big red chairs by Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera and CeeLo Green. Celebrity judges like Pharrell, Shakira and Miley Cyrus rotated in and out for subsequent seasons, but Shelton had been the constant (Levine had the second-longest tenure, with 16 seasons).

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